

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides a data processing method which can phonetically output execution of operation performed on an apparatus or a description of the operation content without requiring mode switching operation and without losing good sense of operability of the apparatus. Operation performed on the apparatus is detected, and the state of the apparatus at the time of operation detection is detected. In a case where the state of the apparatus is not the help mode, motion corresponding to the detected operation is executed. Meanwhile, in a case where the state of the apparatus is the help mode, a description of the motion corresponding to the detected operation is phonetically outputted, and information regarding the operation whose description has been phonetically outputted is stored in, e.g., motion buffer. Further, if the state of the apparatus is the help mode, motion corresponding to the operation is executed based on the information regarding the operation stored in the motion buffer.